

Is Russell Brand the Spiritual Warrior the World Needs Right Now?

Since his baptism in the River Thames on Sunday, Apr. 28, alongside his good friend Bear Grylls, comedian, actor and podcaster Russell Brand has unashamedly proclaimed the name of Jesus Christ and kept his audience up-to-date on his new spiritual journey.

Brand's unique style of asking questions he has about faith publicly, and answers he finds in the Bible, has resonated with people worldwide who are encouraged by his transparent walk with God.

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Recently, Brand posted a daily morning prayer on his X account that has been viewed by over 300,000 accounts, and the number is still growing. Commentators can be seen thanking Brand for his words, with some saying his faith has directed them to their own relationship with God.

Here is Brand's daily prayer from Friday, Sept. 20:

Heavenly Father, we trust in Your promises, even when the wait feels long and the road seems uncertain. Lord, You are the God of victories, and we believe that our season of victory is drawing near. God, we lift up every problem and challenge that Your people are facing right now. We know that You see every struggle, every hardship and every tear. We ask for Your divine intervention in each of these situations, Lord. Please move powerfully in our lives and show us that even when we cannot see it, You are working behind the scenes to bring about change. We pray for restoration in every area

of our lives, relationships, finances, health and spirit. Where there has been brokenness, bring healing. Where there has been loss, bring restoration. Where there has been pain, bring peace and renewal. Father, we trust that You are the restorer of what has been lost, and the healer of all wounds. Let Your restorative power touch every part of our lives, making us whole again. Lord, we also bring our financial needs before You. We know that You are our provider, and we ask for Your provision in our finances. Open doors of opportunity bless the work of our hands, and give us wisdom to manage the resources You have entrusted to us. Help us overcome any financial challenges and see Your miraculous provision in our lives. We also cry out for Your healing over our bodies and minds, whether it is physical pain, emotional distress or mental suffering. We believe that You are the great physician. We place our trust in Your healing power. Please restore our health, comfort us in our moments of pain and give us strength and hope as we wait for complete healing. Finally, we seek Your protection over us and our loved ones. Guard us from all harm and danger, Lord, and shield us from every attack of the enemy. Surround us with Your angels, and may Your hand of protection be upon us at all times. Father, we recognize that Your timing is perfect, and that Your ways are higher than ours. Even in the waiting, help us trust completely in You. Grant us the patience to persevere, the faith to keep believing and the courage to keep moving forward. We declare with confidence that our victory is on the way, and that You are working all things together for our good. Thank You, Lord, for hearing our prayers, and for all the work You are doing in our lives, even when we can't see it. To You we give all the glory, honor and praise for the miracles that are on the way. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

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Let us join Brand in prayer before the Lord Most High, not only for ourselves, but for our families, communities and nation. We can take comfort that our prayers will not fall on deaf ears, for Jesus tells us in Mark 11:24:

Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you will receive them, and you will have them.

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New Egyptian Artifact Linked to Exodus Uncovered

The last year has brought with it a treasure trove of discoveries from the ancient world. From Jerusalem to Bahrain, antiquities continue to prove the Bible is a reliably accurate teller of ancient history.

Recently, a discovery in Egypt announced by the Egyptian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities revealed an ancient fort which is believed to be 3,200 years old, and which gives further confirmation as to who the reigning Pharaoh was when Moses led the Israelites out of bondage in the book of Exodus.

While the Bible does not specifically state who the monarch was that ruled of the Hebrews, historians widely believe it to be Rameses II.

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The site, called Tell Al-Abquain, was an outpost used by the ancient Egyptians and is made up of “a series of mudbrick architectural units, including military barracks for soldiers and storage rooms for weapons, food, and provisions from the New Kingdom era.

“In addition to the barracks, numerous artifacts and personal items belonging to soldiers were unearthed. [The] artifacts provide insight into the daily lives, religious beliefs, and military activities of the fort’s occupants,” the statement continued.



“These [findings] include weapons used in battle, hunting tools, personal adornments and hygiene items, such as ivory kohl applicators, carnelian and faience beads, scarabs and protective amulets.”

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One of these ancient weapons, a bronze sword in incredible condition for its age, bore the engraved symbol of Ramses II, giving credence to the his being the ruler during the time of Moses and the Exodus from Egypt.

Time and again, archaeological discoveries prove the Bible accurate and true, such as the continued renovation of the Pools at Siloam. Pray that as the world continues to see the accuracy of the Bible verified, hearts will soften to the conviction of the Holy Spirit and accept God’s Word as true and accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

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‘Passion of the Christ’ Sequel Makes Major Progress

It has been two decades since “The Passion of the Christ” shocked the world with its realistic portrayal of the crucifixion of Jesus.

Now, rumors have been swirling until they were confirmed that Oscar-winning filmmaker Mel Gibson was in Malta, working with a production team on getting things set up for filming of the sequel to “Passion.”

It is reported by Collider that filming for the sequel, tentatively titled “The Resurrection” for now, could begin filming as early as 2025.

According to the Italian news group Italpress, Gibson and his team had also set up meetings with the Maltese government to ensure that shooting was allowed and go on uninterrupted. The first film was also filmed in Italy, with Gibson self-funding up to \$30 million of his own money towards the marketing and distribution of the project.

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With the possibility of a sequel to the 2004 smash-hit, the actor who portrayed Jesus, Jim Caviezel, had previously said that he was all on-board to reprise the role, as confirmed by Entertainment Weekly.



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The film's script has seen numerous rewrites throughout the years. Gibson and co-writer Randall Wallace—an Oscar nominee for "Braveheart"—are said to have crafted at least six versions.

Wallace announced in April that the screenplay was finally finished. While plot details are still being kept secret, hints suggest that the sequel will explore a more supernatural angle than the first film.

Gibson revealed as much in an interview with the National Catholic Register in 2022 when asked about "The Resurrection."

Well, it's a huge subject, and it's not a linear narrative, so that in order to have it mean something and resonate for almost anybody that watches it, again, you're not preaching to the choir. You have to have...you have to juxtapose the central event that I'm trying to tell with everything else around it in the future, in the past and in other realms, and that's kind of getting a little sci-fi out there. It's a big story. It's a difficult concept, and it has taken me a long time to focus and find a way to tell that story in a way that really delivers to somebody who may know nothing about any of the central story.

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Christian programming has been getting a major boost ever since "The Passion of the Christ" earned \$612 million worldwide. Since then we have seen projects like "God's Not Dead" and "The Chosen" captivate audiences and put a renewed focus on Jesus and the importance of faith.

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How Much Power Does Temptation Hold Over You?

Evangelist John Ramirez recently posted a video warning fellow believers about the dangers of temptation, urging Christians to recognize its power and learn how to combat it effectively. Drawing from his years of experience in spiritual warfare, and leaving behind a life entrenched in Satanism, Ramirez emphasizes the importance of confronting temptation at its source.



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"Temptation has a price," Ramirez says, stressing that believers must be vigilant whenever temptation arises. "We need to kill, destroy, uproot temptation every time it shows up at your doorstep." Ramirez also warns of how temptation can infiltrate one's heart, mind, eyes and ears, urging immediate action to prevent it from taking root within our lives.

This sounds a lot like the days we live in now, and Missler's words are 15 years old.

During the interview, Missler suggests that many of these supernatural occurrences could be demonic in nature.



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"The principalities and powers of darkness are manipulating these events," he warns. This poses a serious threat, as it is easy for people to get swept up in the mysteries and intrigue of such phenomena without seeking the truth through Scripture.

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The recent UFO hearings in Congress, as well as a myriad supernatural sightings, have reignited discussions about the existence of extraterrestrial life, adding weight to Missler's warnings. For Christians today, this growing interest in the supernatural and unexplained is a crucial reminder of the need for discernment. "We need to rely on the Word of God," Missler urges, emphasizing that only biblical wisdom can protect believers from the deceptions of Satan in these turbulent times.

Christians must be prepared to combat these spiritual lies using Scripture. The Bible warns in 2 Corinthians 11:14 that "Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light." Ephesians 6:11-12 further reminds believers to "put on the full armor of God" to stand against the schemes of the devil. Missler's insights call on Christians to remain steadfast in their faith, equipping themselves with biblical truth to navigate the end times with wisdom and discernment.

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Are Fossils the Key to Proving the Garden of Eden Was Real?

L.A. Marzulli, an expert on end times prophecy and the Nephilim, speaks passionately about the doctrine of imminency and the approaching rapture in his recent discussion, "The Prophecy of the Pretrib Rapture" posted to the Prophecy Watchers YouTube channel.

With an air of urgency, Marzulli emphasizes that the end times are not only prophesied in the Bible, but are unfolding before our eyes, challenging believers to remain vigilant.

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"I just believe in the doctrine of imminency in the sense that nothing needs to happen before we go up," Marzulli asserts. His perspective aligns with the belief that the rapture could happen at any moment, catching even the most prepared off guard. Drawing parallels to biblical events, he reminds listeners how "nobody understood the crucifixion, nobody... got it at all," suggesting that, similarly, people today may not fully grasp the signs of the times until they transpire.

One of the key points Marzulli addresses is the "seven-year period... the time of Jacob's trouble," which refers to the Great Tribulation specifically concerning Israel.

"From the moment that seven-year tribulation begins, literally, it's the wrath from day one," Marzulli explains, indicating that the period will be marked by widespread chaos and lawlessness. He believes that during this time, "all hell breaks loose... lawlessness reigns supreme," fulfilling the

prophecies outlined in the book of Revelation.



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Marzulli also highlights two significant developments he sees as markers of the end times. The first is the onset of the nuclear age with the use of nuclear weapons at Hiroshima and Nagasaki, events he describes as a "line of demarcation." The second is the rise of artificial intelligence, which has blurred the lines between reality and fiction. "AI has gotten to the point where we no longer can tell what is reality and what is fiction," he warns. These developments, in Marzulli's view, signal the urgency of the times and the need for Christ's imminent return.

Reflecting on church history, Marzulli explains that early Christians believed in a pre-tribulation rapture, a doctrine that was later suppressed. "The early church fathers believed in a pre-tribulation rapture," he states. It was not until the Reformation that these teachings resurfaced, giving rise to the modern understanding of the rapture. Citing biblical passages like, "the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout," Marzulli insists that the rapture is a clearly documented event that should not be overlooked.

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As Marzulli sees the convergence of global crises—wars, economic instability and technological advancements—he becomes increasingly expectant of the rapture's nearness. "We are here," he declares, referring to Jesus' prophetic list of end-times signs in Matthew 24. Yet, Marzulli stresses that the rapture's importance goes beyond current events. "We are not appointed to wrath," he says, reminding Christians that the rapture is a promise of deliverance and hope.

For believers, Marzulli's message is both a wake-up call and a source of comfort. "This whole thing is ramping up in ways that I've never seen," he notes. As he looks at the prophetic timeline and the state of the world, he affirms, "I am really expectant in ways that I've never been before." For Christians, understanding these events is crucial, as it strengthens faith and anticipation for Christ's return.

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10 Timeless Guidelines for Christian Voters—From 1984

People were questioning how the church should behave during an election year way before the questions were asked this election cycle, and the Assemblies of God voter guide from 1984 has recently gone viral for its wisdom.

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In a post to X, Dr. Daniel Isgrigg, a professor at Oral Roberts University and a historian whose focus is on Pentecostalism, shared with the world an excerpt from the 1984 AG voting guide.

These 10 guidelines appear to be more relevant today than ever:

1. Do not confuse patriotism, national pride and Western

culture with Christian faith and practice.

2. Do not confuse secular political activity with the purpose of the church, nor campaigning with witnessing and preaching.
3. Do not make slanderous or false accusations against your opponents, but maintain your integrity. Do not consider a brother or sister who is of like precious faith an adversary if he or she holds a different political view.
4. At all times endeavor to verify information before accepting it as true or before repeating it to others.
5. At all times endeavor to know and understand the candidate's positions and evaluate him or her on that basis, on the basis of his or her ability to perform the duties and functions of the office, and his or her integrity.
6. At all times endeavor to know and understand the issues; do not excuse yourself from this duty by saying, "God will show me whom to vote for."
7. At all times compare a candidate's position with Scripture but only where the Scripture addresses the issue; do not force Scripture to address issues that the Author did not intend it to address.
8. Neither vote nor work for a candidate merely because he or she professes to be of the Christian faith.
9. Do not neglect your family, worship, prayer or Bible study.
10. At all times uphold your leaders in prayer.

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These guidelines from 40 years ago carry a heavy conviction behind them. When we take a step back and analyze how much more hostile, angry and accusatory both sides of the political spectrum have become, it would behoove us to take a breath and read over wise guidelines such as these so that we act in a

way that is befitting of one who represents Jesus on earth.

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